

# Yer iyesi

**Yer iyesi** (Tatar: *Жир Иясе* or *Cir İyäse*, Chuvash: *Ър Иӹӹ*, Sakha: *Сир Иччу*) is the Turkic / Mongolian spirit or deity of earth or territory. In Turkic languages *Yer* means land or earth. And *İye* is the familiar spirit of any natural asset. Yer iyesi protects the earth or any region. Also known as *Toprak iyesi*.

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# Yer Ana

**Yer Ana** is the Mongolian and Turkic / Altai goddess of earth. Also referred to as goddess of fertility. She is the female form of Yer iyesi. She was said to have been there at the beginning of the world, when the earth and sky separated.

## In other languages

- Tuvan: *Чер Ава*
- Uzbek: *Yer Ona*
- Tatar: *Жир Әни* or *Жир Ана* or *Cir Ана*
- Kazakh: *Жер Ана*
- Chuvash: *Џӗр Анне* or *Џӗр Абай*
- Bashkort: *Ер Анай*
- Sakha: *Сир Ийэ*
- Turkmen: *Ýer Ene* or *Ýer Eje*
- Uyghur: *يەر ئانا*
- Ottoman: *يرآنا*
- Kyrgyz: *Жер Эне*
- Khakas: *Чир Ине* or *Чир Иче*
- Balkar: *Джер Ана*
- Gagauz: *Yer Ana*

# Yer Ata

**Yer Ata** is the Mongolian and Turkic / Altai god of earth or land. He is the male form of Yer iyesi.

## In other languages

- Tuvan: *Чер Ама*
- Uzbek: *Yer Ota*
- Tatar: *Жүр Әмү* or *Жүр Ама* or *Сир Ата*
- Kazakh: *Жер Ама*

- Chuvash: *Çĕp Amme* or *Çĕp Ашшĕ*
- Bashkort: *Ėp Amaĭ*
- Sakha: *Сур Аҕа*
- Turkmen: *Ýer Ata*
- Uyghur: *يەر ئاتا*
- Ottoman: *يَر آنا*
- Kyrgyz: *Жер Ама*
- Khakas: *Чур Аба* or *Чур Ада*
- Balkar: *Джер Ама*
- Gagauz: *Yer Ata*

## Yereh

**Yereh** (Chuvash: *Йерех*) is a female spirit in Turkic mythology, which recently came to be regarded as a "Turkic goddess" with a function of "hearth mother", protectress of the home.<sup>[1]</sup> It is akin of Yer iyesi. The word originates in the Pre-Christian Chuvash mythology but in the modern usage it has only one meaning. The confusion in the name's Etymology owes to the fact that a Turkic word Yer means land or earth, while the word *Yerleşmek* is a verb that means to locate. Early in the 20th century Yereh combined a prehistoric Scythian earth-goddess and Mother Earth. Today she is identified as a combination of the "hearth-mother" (associated with the guardianship of the nation itself) and the earth mother.

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- МИФОЛОГИЧЕСКИЙ СЛОВАРЬ - Йерех (<http://myths.kulichki.ru/enc/item/f00/s15/a001558.shtml>)

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